

The Spring Girl...
Breaks into glory like a chrysalis and is a sweet,
engaging creature. The
American Woman's Home Journal
will let you into some of her secrets, though, as a mat-
ter of fact, she doesn't object to the telling.

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"A Policeman's Lot
is not a happy one." So said W. S. Gilbert of the
English "bobby." It is different with our "cops."
The rainbow influence of the
... American Humorist...
enables them to laugh not only at vexations, but at
Roosevelt and all the other good jokes.

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AFLAME AMID THE DANCERS.

Freda Ziebold Burned as
She Waltzed at
a Ball.

GAUZE SKIRT TOOK FIRE.

A Man Set Off a Piece of
Fireworks as She
Passed Him.

GUESTS IN A WILD PANIC.

Frank Cassidy Threw His Coat
About the Girl and Saved
Her Life.

TORE AWAY HER BODICE, TOO.

Borne Unconscious and Almost Dead
from the Central Opera House—
Dancers Scream with
Terror.

Freda Ziebold, was a very happy young woman when she left her home early last night to attend a ball at the Grand Central Opera House on Sixty-seventh street, right off Third avenue. A few hours later she was moaning in a cot in Bellevue Hospital, so terribly burned that the doctors feared she could not recover.

One of the other gay merry-makers at the ball, as joyous as herself, had exploded a variety of small fireworks just as she was passing him in the crowded ballroom.

A spark alighted on the gauze netting of her dress, and in a minute she was a pillar of flame. She would have been burned to death, probably, in full sight of the hundreds of dancers had it not been for the bravery of Frank Cassidy. When all the others ran from her in terror he pulled the blazing netting from about the shrieking girl, and then throwing off his coat, he wrapped it around her and rolled her on the floor.

Dressed in silk.
Freda is a domestic, twenty years old, and is employed by a family living at
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MANY LIVES LOST IN TORRENTS.

Kentucky Homes Deso-
lated by the Raging
Ohio River.

IMMENSE MONEY LOST.

Great Damage Already
Done to Business in
Cincinnati.

MEASURES FOR RELIEF.

Monongahela Devastated More
Than It Was by the
Fresnet in 1884.

MANUFACTORIES ARE CLOSED.

A Million Dollars Lost So Far in
the Vicinity of Pittsburg and
Allegheny—The Poto-
mac Subsiding.

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—The whole Ohio Valley is in the throes of a flood, the worst for years, and which promises to outlive all past records. Reports from towns all along the Ohio and its many tributaries show that already millions of dollars' damage has been done and many lives have been lost.

The exact extent and loss may not be known for several days, as many small towns have been shut off from communication by all wires being down and the railroads impassable. The water is still rising and the old river men shake their heads and look very grave for the outlook.

At 6 o'clock to-night the river had reached fifty-eight feet and one inch in Cincinnati and was rising at the rate of two inches an hour. The business men along the river front thought yesterday that the worst was over, and many delayed moving their goods and considerable loss has resulted from inability to get the goods out quickly enough to-day. Boats are now rowed to

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MARION'S DAUGHTERS TO BE FREE.

The Journal Gets a Writ
of Habeas Corpus
for Them.

TO BE PRODUCED TO-DAY.

Judge Characterizes Their
Commitment as Re-
markable.

POOR FATHER IS JUBILANT.

Magistrate Deuel Says the Gerry
Society Officers Are Often
Officious.

AGENT DEUBERT'S STRANGE FAD.

Said to Pride Himself on the Number
of Children He Is Able to
Have Sent to In-
stitutions.

Eugene Marion, the poor four porter whose three little girls were sent to an institution from the Essex Market Police Court on Tuesday through the means of Agent Deubert, of the Gerry Society, was enabled yesterday by the Journal to make a successful application through Howe & Hummel to the Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus, requiring the superintendent of the Catholic Protectorate, to which they were committed by Magistrate Deuel, to produce them in court this morning at 10 o'clock and show cause why they should not be turned over to the custody of their father and his sisters, who seem to be amply able to care for them. Judge Roger A. Pryor, who granted the application, issued at the same time a writ of certiorari commanding Magistrate Deuel to produce in court a copy of the proceedings before him upon which the commitment of the children was made.

Judge Pryor inquired of Joseph D. Moss, of Howe & Hummel's office, who appeared for Mr. Marion, the reasons for the commitment of the children.

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FOOTPAD ATTACKSWOMEN

A Daring Highway Robbery in the Wealthiest Residential Section of Mount Vernon.

A bold highway robbery took place on Prospect avenue, Chester Hill, the most select residential section of Mount Vernon, early last evening. Mrs. George D. Adamson, a wealthy woman of New York, was the victim.

During the last few days Mrs. Adamson has been visiting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Brown, on Summit avenue. About 7 o'clock Mrs. Adamson, in company with Miss Brown, her eighteen-year-old niece, started to walk to the New Haven station. When midway between Glen and Summit avenue, on Prospect avenue, a masked man sprang from behind a tree and seized Mrs. Adamson around the waist.

Both women screamed loudly for help, but there was no policeman in sight. They then pluckily fought off the highwayman. He managed to wrench a pocketbook containing \$15 from Mrs. Adamson's right hand and disappeared.

LONA BARRISON QUIT.

Police Stop Her Performance in a German Town—Because of the Row She Caused.

(Copyright, 1897, by W. R. Hearst.) Berlin, Feb. 24.—The police of Graz in Styria, have interdicted the further performance of Lona Barrison at the Stadttheater. The public had made a great scandal with whistling on the occasion of Lona's debut.

Lona has left Graz in disgust.

FIRST DRAWING ROOM.

The Queen Receives Visitors at Buckingham Palace—Americans Presented.

London, Feb. 24.—The Queen, who arrived in London from Windsor yesterday, held the first drawing room of the season at Buckingham Palace to-day. The weather was mild and sunny. The debutantes were attired in white. The other ladies present wore colors of tints, of which pale green or lavender prevailed, with jewelled embroidery and orchids or pink roses. Mrs. Wentworth, of New York; Mrs. Marshall Fox, of Maine, and her daughter, and Miss Maynard Butler, of Boston, were presented by Mrs. Bayard. The Queen retired previous to the presentation of the general company.

REBELLION AT VASSAR.

Fair Students Refused to Study on Washington's Birthday and Won a Victory.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 24.—The faculty of Vassar College made rebellion among the students by deciding that Washington's Birthday should not be observed in the college as a holiday.

The girls showed their resentment by starting, before breakfast on Monday morning, in a procession through the corridors singing "Yankee Doodle" and "America." The procession then left the main building and crossing the law to President Taylor's cottage, halted under his window and sang, making the morning air ring with cheers for George Washington.

In the meantime other students had taken possession of the dining-room and decked it with flags. A chalk line was drawn about the faculty's table, and great flags shut it out from its usual proximity to the other tables in the room. When the professors entered the class room they found the girls attired as if for a holiday celebration, wearing bouquets and gloves. Each class displayed a poster, some in French and some in Greek, but all extolling the excellency of freedom. In the evening the young ladies gave a colonial ball in the gymnasium. The faculty has thus far failed to notice the rebuke.

MESSAGE FROM RUIZ AS FROM THE GRAVE.

American Dentist Murdered in the Guanabacoa Jail Scratched
on the Back of a Steamer Chair That
He Was Being Killed.



Mrs. Rita Ruiz, Wife of Dr. Ruiz.

"Farewell, My Beloved
Wife and Children,"
He Added.

IT WILL BE SENT HERE.

Lee Now Has Indisputable
Evidence of the
Outrage.

THREATS FOR THE WIDOW.

Unsuccessful Effort to Make the
Woman Sign Mysteri-
ous Papers.

LEE STICKS TO HIS RESIGNATION.

Will Not Withdraw it Even at Cleve-
land's Request—Senator Sherman
Turns Around in His Track
at Olney's Bidding.

DR. RUIZ'S DYING MESSAGE TO HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

To Mercedes, Evangeline, Ricardito, Rene
and Gloria:

Farewell, children of my life. Be obedient to your mother. I bless you all. I SHALL BE KILLED. To Rita: My wife, my soul, adios. If I am removed tell all.
RICARDO.

By George Eugene Bryson.

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HAVANA, via Key West, Feb. 24.

—Dr. Ruiz, tortured, dying in his cell under the brutality of the Spanish jailers, found a means to leave a record that proves his murder and makes the story of his suicide a plain lie.

As soon as the facts of his arrest became known his wife tried to send him in some things to make his prison life endurable. He was "incommunicado." She could not see him or exchange a word with him.

Kept the Wife Out.

They would not even allow her to send him his meals, and she had to take back the cot she brought to the prison door.

Of course, Spain gives her prisoners neither bed nor bench to lie on. Not even a mattress or a bundle of rags tempers the hardness of the foul floor on which a prisoner must sleep.

Knowing all this, the wife of the unfortunate dentist was importunate in her plea to be allowed to send her husband something. At last she wore the jailers out, and they permitted her to send to her husband an old steamer chair.

Message on a Chair.

And it is this chair that after his death proves the case against his murderers, and will, if there is left the least spark of patriotism in the breasts of the men at the head of the Government at Washington, avenge Dr. Ruiz's death.

The widow yesterday brought this chair to the American Consulate. It had been returned to her by the Governor of the jail at Guanabacoa.

On the bottom of the chair, painfully scratched by the prisoner's fingernails, was this message:

Doomed Man's Blessing.

"To Mercedes, Evangeline, Ricardito, Rene and Gloria:

"Farewell, children of my life, be obedient to your mother. I bless you all. I shall be killed.

"To Rita, my wife, my soul, adios. If I am removed tell all. RICARDO."

The message was scratched so deeply in the paint and varnish that even though the bottom of the chair is splashed with blood, the words are clearly legible.

It is typical of the stupidity of the Spanish jailers that they allowed the chair to go out uninspected.

Consul-General Lee will probably forward

the chair to Washington, with the documents in the case.

More Incriminating Evidence.

There is more evidence, though it comes indirectly through a horrified priest, who visited a prisoner in a cell adjoining that of Ruiz. This prisoner was afterward executed.

The priest's story accounts for the puzzling marks found on the dead dentist's wrists by Dr. Burgess at the autopsy. They were the marks left by the torture. They bound cords about his wrists and twisted them.

This is what caused the shrieks that came from poor Ruiz's cell.

From this and other evidence it is easy to piece out the whole awful story.

Fondseviela's Fiendish Work.

Arrested on the flimsiest evidence, Fondseviela tried in the usual way to torture out a confession. If the prisoner had yielded under the torment he would have been shot to death for rebellion.

He would not yield, and they dared not free an American to tell of the tortures.

Ruiz's Widow Threatened.

In fact Fondseviela, the responsible, if

From the moment they began to rack him his death was a certainty.

Ruiz realized this, and in the intervals between the rackings—these devils are ingenious enough to give a man a respite in which to think over what suffering he has still to go through—the prisoner scratched the message in the old chair on the chance that it would get back to his family and tell them of his fate.

Ruiz's Case Not Isolated.

Ruiz is not the only man who has passed through torture to death in Cuba. To-day there are hundreds hoping that the death will not be long delayed.

Acting Captain-General Ahumada, in response to Consul-General Lee's energetic protest in the Ruiz case, promised to investigate the question, to probe it to the bottom and punish the guilty, but diplomatic promises will be the end of it unless Lee's demands be supported from Washington and backed up by the presence of American warships in Cuban waters.

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DEMANDS WARSHIPS FOR HAVANA.

Senator Allen Proposes That the United States Shall Force Spain to Be Humane in Her Warfare.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In the Senate to-day Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, offered the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Senate that the President should speedily and effectually protect the lives and liberties of peaceable American citizens residing or sojourning in Cuba, and that he should promptly insist that Spain, in her war against her colonists in the island, should conduct the same on principles of civilized warfare, eliminating all unusual and unnecessary cruelty and barbarity; and for the enforcement of these reasonable and just requirements United States battle ships should be sent without delay to Cuban waters."

The resolution went over until to-morrow.

Mr. Hill, of New York, offered the following resolution, which was agreed to without question:

"RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is requested to transmit to the Senate, either in open or secret session, or as he may prefer, all the correspondence and reports of the Consul-General of the United States at Havana, relating to all American citizens now in prison in the island of Cuba, not previously reported on."



Marion May Get His Children Back.

Judge Pryor in the Supreme Court yesterday granted the application for a writ of habeas corpus made for the father, by the Journal, and the three little girls who were committed by Magistrate Deuel to the Catholic Protectorate at the instance of Agent Deubert, of the Gerry Society, are ordered to be produced in court to-day. Marion claims that Deubert led him to believe that the children when taken from their mother would be restored to him. He is said to be a sober and industrious man.